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U.S. Grants \$1.2 Million for Health in Cambodia

The Royal Government of Cambodia and Government of the United States on September 27, 2005 signed an agreement providing \$1.2 million in additional US Agency for International Development (USAID) funds to support Cambodia's health sector. His Excellency Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, signed on behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and Jonathan Addleton, USAID/Cambodia Mission Director, signed on behalf of USAID.

The agreement consists of \$1.2 million in grant funds to address major health concerns. Funds will be used to promote a variety of activities related to HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases; maternal and child health care; and health systems strengthening including strengthening the technical skills of Cambodian health care workers. Programs will be implemented through a variety of international and Cambodian non-government organizations (NGOs), working in close coordination with the Royal Government of Cambodia as well as other donor agencies.

With this additional funding, U.S. assistance to the health sector in Cambodia in 2005 will total \$31.5 million.

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